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TO: Chief, SR

INFO: Chief, WE

FROM: Chief of Station, []

SUBJECT: REDWOOD/AMERSON/AMERSON/15 Report from
[] Meeting

A.R.: FYI

REFS: A. OSMA-8750, 22 September 1999
B. [] 925

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1. Attached is a report in Latvian which AMERSON/15 handed over at our latest meeting on 6 October. This is [] account of the general information about the situation in present day Latvia which he elicited from both [] and from VASKIS during their meeting in Helsinki on 14 and 15 September. [] appreciates that this report is secondary to one on the operational and CI aspects of the meetings themselves and has told A/15 so. Even though he cannot Latvian, [] is scanning the report and listening to A/15's oral summary of it when he produced it at our previous meeting, recognized that it lacked detail and told A/15 that most wanted was a full account of the meetings, the participants, background, etc. A/15 is now translating such a report into Swedish. This being the first occasion A/15 has had to submit written reports, it points up the need for more careful instruction to him in the future and perhaps even some training in the fundamentals of reporting. In the case of the attached report, though, [] did not feel its content was vital enough to the Station to have A/15 translate it into Swedish or German and leaves it to Headquarters to decide if there is something in it which we should know after all.

2. A/15's contact with

Pavel *DUMKALIS

First mentioned in Reference B will be covered separately, but a further development from the same tourist group affects [] A/15 reports that [] has met another of the Latvians from the Baltika,

Valdemar *LAUREIS (b. 1922, Latvia).

LAUREIS called [] and said he had brought something from [] took this to mean a letter or package of some sort and so agreed to meet with LAUREIS. As it turned out LAUREIS had nothing but an oral message from the homeland, namely an appeal for [] to return home or at least come for a visit and also to ask [] to return home or at least come for a visit and also to ask [] to stop his propaganda. LAUREIS alluded, however, to [] meeting with VASKIS in Helsinki and, according to A/15, deprecated VASKIS professionally and personally. [] himself describes LAUREIS as a much smarter and smoother operator than VASKIS. [] reportedly rebuffed LAUREIS' repatriation appeal, whereupon the latter called VASKIS, did not press the matter or become belligerent, but said he would telephone [] again when the tour returned to Stockholm the weekend of 10 October. DECEMBER identified LAUREIS to A/15 as the Latvian politruk. In relating this A/15 asked whether [] should see LAUREIS again. [] advised A/15 that if [] was as steadfast as he seemed to be, then the best way to discourage what was obviously a planned campaign to advance, coerce or frighten [] into a pro-Soviet posture was for [] to tell LAUREIS that he had heard all their arguments and that they knew him and that any further talk was pointless and was wasting your time. On the other hand [] met further with LAUREIS, even if only out of idle curiosity, it would hardly encourage them to keep trying.

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A/15 agreed with this advice and will presumably pass it on to ☐ ☐ He also intends to prepare a detailed report of the LAUREIS affair.

Attachment:

— A/15 report in Latvian

12 October 1959

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